



May 12, 2016

City of Durham  
Department of Water Management  
1600 Mist Lake Drive  
Durham, NC 27704

Brown and Williams WTP Upgrade and Expansion  
B&V Project 160835  
B&V File 80.1130

Attention: Mr. Robert Gasper, PE

Subject: Bid Evaluation and Recommendation of Award  
Contract II – Brown and Williams WTP Upgrade and Expansion

Sealed bids were received for a formal bid of Contract II – Brown and Williams WTP Upgrade and Expansion on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at 1600 Mist Lake Drive. This letter includes the tabulation of bids received, a discussion of the bidding, and a recommendation for award of contract.

This contract was advertised on the City of Durham website. The contract was also advertised through the ISqFt Plan Room, Dodge Data & Analytics, and the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development. Copies of the Bidding Documents were available for inspection by prospective bidders and suppliers at the following locations:

- ISqFt Plan Room
- Dodge Data & Analytics
- Durham office of the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development
- City of Durham Department of Water Management
- City of Durham Department of Equal Opportunity/ Equity Assurance
- Cary office of Black & Veatch

A total of seven sets of Bidding Documents were mailed to prospective bidders. We conclude that the contract was well advertised to the building construction industry.

Bids were received on a single-prime basis, in accordance with NCGS 143-128. Three competitive bids were received as indicated in the attached Bid Tabulation. All bids appeared to be responsive. The apparent low bid was submitted by Crowder Construction Company of Apex, North Carolina, with a Total Lump Sum Base Bid in the amount of \$56,724,000.00 and a Bid Alternate A amount of \$333,000.00. The apparent low bid amount is below the Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost of \$57,000,000.

Considering the present market conditions, it is our opinion that the apparent low bid amount represents a reasonable price for the work included in Contract II – Brown and Williams WTP Upgrade and Expansion.


The lowest apparent Bid included a 0.26 % minority-owned SDBE participation and 0.28% women-owned SDBE participation. Good faith effort documentation was provided by the apparent low bidder for review by the City of Durham Equal Opportunity/ Equity Assurance Office.

Based upon our review and evaluation, the Bid received from Crowder Construction Company appears to be the lowest, responsive, responsible bid for Contract II – Brown and Williams WTP Upgrade and Expansion. Therefore, we recommend that the City of Durham award the contract to Crowder Construction Company in the amount of \$57,057,000.00, which includes Bid Alternate A.

If there are any questions regarding bidding and award of this contract, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

BLACK & VEATCH INTERNATIONAL COMPANY

  
Michael B. Shafer, PE  
Engineering Manager

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Enclosure[s]